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HOUSE RESOLUTION 103
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate the Elizabethton City School System on having the Safety First! Program selected as an "Exemplary School Safety Project".

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding programs that have contributed significantly to the enhancement of emergency preparedness in our public school systems; and

WHEREAS, The Elizabethton City School System's Safety First! Program is most assuredly one such worthy program; the program has been selected as an "Exemplary School Safety Project" pursuant to the Safe Schools Act of 1998 in the category of small city school systems; and

WHEREAS, The Safety First! Program is founded upon a well conceived plan to implement various strategies, programs, materials, equipment and funds to increase safety in the Elizabethton City School System; and

WHEREAS, Various schools in the Elizabethton City School System have also partnered with the Carter County Civil Defense Team for a state-required emergency preparedness drill,

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and with the Carter County/Elizabethton Emergency Management Agency to assist in the staging of disaster drills; these partnerships have resulted in greatly improved working relationships among the involved entities; and

WHEREAS, Each school site and central office has a written safety plan which is made available to each school employee; such safety plans are provided to the Elizabethton City Police Department and reviewed and updated each year; schools in the system also have CPR and certified First Aid trained staff at different targeted areas in each school building; and

WHEREAS, The Elizabethton City School System was recently recognized by the local media for its study on school bus safety; students have been taught to use emergency exits and newly installed cellular phones on the buses in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, Other new safety initiatives implemented by the Elizabethton City School System include a photo identification system, through which staff and students can "tie" into the security system; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That this Body hereby honors and congratulates the outstanding administration and professional staff of Elizabethton City School System on having the Safety First! Program selected as an "Exemplary School Safety Project" pursuant to the Safe Schools Act of 1998 in the category of small city school systems, and wish these fine people all the best as they implement the worthy goals of this laudable project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.